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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB49

Chairperson: Senator Dave Murman

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: March 10, 2025

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 49 would require schools to develop a policy for "banning and barring" individual from school property or school activities. Ban and bar action means any action by a school district or school official to prohibit students, family members of students, or other people from being on school property, attending school activities, or communicating with school officials, with the threat of police enforcement.

Each public school shall adopt a policy by July 1, 2026.

LB 49 provides guidelines for the policy to direct that it shall include the instances or circumstances when a person is banned and barred, along with a designation in the duration or scope of such a ban. The policy shall also ensure that parental rights to be involved in their children's education shall be maintained. The policy shall also provide for a right to appeal such a determination, along with a written explanation of such a right. Any such ban and bar policy shall also not discriminate or be applied in a discriminatory manner, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, or national origin.

LB 49 directs the Department of Education to develop, by January 1, 2026, a model policy for schools to adopt or use in crafting their own.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Terrell McKinney